

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Fumiaki ARAI et al.
Serial No.: not yet assigned
Filed : concurrently herewith
For : THERMOSENSITIVE STENCIL PAPER
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Please amend the above-identified divisional application,
which is being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"
insert:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

--This application is a division of applicants' copending
U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/204,603, filed December 3,
1998, now allowed, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated
herein by this reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 - 10 inclusive.

Amend claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) The method of producing a thermosensitive
stencil paper as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said water-in-oil
emulsion of said polyurethane resin is prepared in such a manner
that finely-divided particles are dispersed in a solution of said

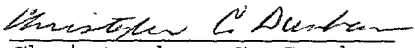
polyurethane resin to prepare a dispersion, said finely-divided particles being produced by allowing an active hydrogen containing polyfunctional compound to react with an organic polyisocyanate, and said dispersion is prepared into said water-in-oil emulsion using an emulsifier.

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A cross reference to the parent application has been inserted at p. 1, as 37 C.F.R. §1.78 requires. Claims 2 - 10, allowed in the parent application, have been cancelled. An obvious error in the preamble of claim 21 has been corrected (claim 15, on which claim 21 depends, is a method claim). Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the present Amendment. The marked-up version is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Claims 11 - 21 are presented in this divisional application. These claims were cancelled in the parent application following a requirement for restriction.

Respectfully,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (Amended) The method of producing a thermosensitive stencil paper as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said water-in-oil emulsion of said polyurethane resin is prepared in such a manner that finely-divided particles are dispersed in a solution of said polyurethane resin to prepare a dispersion, said finely-divided particles being produced by allowing an active hydrogen containing polyfunctional compound to react with an organic polyisocyanate, and said dispersion is prepared into said water-in-oil emulsion using an emulsifier.